Cocoanut Industry.

72. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the manner in which the State is co-operating with the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research in their investigation into the condition of the cocoanut industry and the marketing of its products : and

(*b*) the result so far obtained by such investigation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Mycologist of the Department was deputed to work in close association with Dr. Patel, the Cocoanut Enquiry Officer, appointed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, and to show him the important cocoanut centres of the State and to collect for him all available information about the condition of the cocoanut industry here.

(*b*) The results of the investigation can be ascertained only after seeing the report of Dr. Patel.

The Central Road Board;

73. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the Central Road Board met last ; and

(*b*) whether the Board is in existence now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) 12-12-1930
27-4-1106

(*b*) No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member why the Board was not called together during the last four years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It was temporarily suspended. They made a proposal with regard to the roads they wanted to be attended to. Every member was pushing the cause of his own constituency and they could not form priority among themslves. So we asked the department to do it.

MR S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know what the member meant by saying that the member for each consituency was pressing the needs of his own constituency and that it was because the authorities were not in a position to satisfy the needs of the constituency that the Board was temporarily suspended?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No, I said that they made out a list of roads that they wanted to be attended to. That is all. As regards priority, there was no decision arrived at

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether according to the list of roads that they have made out any work was conducted by the Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I must claim notice.

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MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know who recommended the list?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I do not know.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the purpose for which the Road Boards were organised ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know when the question of reviving the Road Board was considered by Government.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : There was no consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Sir, I bring to the notice of the Chair the answer given to Question No. 318 in the previous Session where the Government have replied that the question of reviving the Road Board is under the consideration of Government.

PRESIDENT : On what date was it ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : 28th May 1933. That was the reason why I put these supplementary questions.

May I know from the member whether the question of reviving the Road Board was considered by Government ?

PRESIDENT : The Government member's reply was that it was decided not to revive the Board,

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) I did not say it was decided not to revive; I only said there appears to be no necessity.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member whether after the suspension of the Board the Department is carrying out the works recommended by the Board ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is it the suggestion of the member that because the hands of the Department are full for considering the recommendations that there is no necessity for the Board ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : There are so many roads the Government are attending to. Each member of the Board was pressing only the roads in his own constituency. So the Board was suspended.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether it was the recommendation made by the Board or the opinion of the Department itself that weighed with the Department that there are several roads requiring improvement and as such no Road Board was necessary ? I understand the member to say that because the Department has got to attend to many roads, the Deparment thinks that it is not necessary that the Road Board should be revived. What I wanted to know was whether those roads which according to the opinion of the Department require attention were brought to the notice of Government or were those roads independently considered by the Department without any recommendation.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : We have a list of roads recommended by the Road Board and they have all been, or a large number of them have been, taken up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know how long, according to the opinion of the member, this programme already conceded by the Board will continue ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : All depends upon the financial side.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether it was not as an act of retrenchment these Road Boards were suspended temporarily ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether it formed one of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee that it must be temporarily suspended?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I believe it did.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Was it not after recommendation was received that this Board was suspended ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I do not know whether that was absolutely the reason. That may be.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether, after the Road Board was suspended, the Department took into consideration the opening of roads recommended by the Road Board, whether the list was scrutinised and the recommendations attended to ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I must claim notice for that.

Admission of students in the Science College, Trivandrum.

74. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for admission to the Junior Intermediate and Junior B. A. Classes of the College of Science, Trivandrum, during the last five years ; and

(*b*) the number admitted in those classes during the period ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

A † statement containing the information is laid on the table.

Commutation rates of jenmikuram in kind.

75. *MR. T. S. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI (*Travancore Jenmies, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to a final conclusion as to the number of committees necessary for fixing the commutation rates of Jenmikaram in kind ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

† *Vide* Appendix IV.

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